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SUBJECT: SSOD - PAKISTANI VIEWS

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1. SUMMARY: IN RETROSPECT, GOP GIVES SSOD MIXED REVIEWS. IN

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HAVING MET AND GRAPPLED WITH ISSUES OF DISARMAMENT (ALBEIT WITH LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE SUCCESS), THE SSOD WAS USEFUL. IN NOT HAVING MADE THE HARD DECISIONS AND IN ALLOWING BIG POWERS (READ US) TO THWART SOME THIRD WORLD ASPIRATIONS IN DISARMAMENT FIELD, THE SESSION WAS LESS THAN GREAT. ON BALANCE, THE GOP SEEMS TO FEEL THE POSITIVE OUTWEIGHS THE NEGATIVE AND THAT, IF NOTHING ELSE, SSOD HAS OBLIGATED THE WORLD BODY TO CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THE

VITAL CONSIDERATIONS OF DISARMAMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN JULY 12 DISCUSSION WITH MFA DIRECTOR UN AFFAIRS, AND MEMBER SSOD DELEGATION, MUNIR AKRAM, EMBOFF ELICITED GOP VIEWS IN RETROSPECT ON SPECIAL SESSION. AKRAM'S GENERAL VIEW AGREED ALMOST TOTALLY WITH US IMPRESSIONS CONTAINED REF (A); THAT IS:

-- FRENCH REVIVAL OF INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION MOST WELCOME;

-- PRC PARTICIPATION AND BACK-DOWN FROM HERETOFORE RIGID REFUSAL TO DISCUSS ISSUE EQUALLY HEARTENING.

-- FINAL DOCUMENTARY OUTCOME OF SSOD SEEN AS MARCHING ORDERS FOR THE WORLD ON SUBJECT OF DISARMAMENT MORE THAN AS A LISTING OF POSITIVE CONCLUSIONS.

IN OTHER WORDS, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER UNGA WILL IN FACT CONTINUE PROCESS OR PROCESS WILL STOP AS OF END OF SSOD.

3. AKRAM REPORTED HIS (AND PRESUMABLY GOP'S) VIEWS CONCERNING DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE (DC) GENERALLY POSITIVE. IF MEMBERSHIP QUESTION CAN BE SOLVED WITHOUT "POLITICIZING" SITUATION, COMMITTEE CAN BEGIN FUNCTIONING WITH RENEWED VIGOR. AKRAM FEELS SURE MEMBERSHIP IN DC FOR SRI LANKA, AUSTRIA, AND ALGERIA WILL BE VIRTUALLY UNOPPOSED. CUBA AND VIETNAM, HOWEVER, PRESENT THE SORT OF POLITICAL DOGFIGHT WHICH COULD DELAY OR PERMANENTLY DAMAGE DC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS USEFUL FORUM.

4. CLOSER TO HOME, AKRAM CRITICIZED WHAT HE TERMED THE QUOTE BLATANT HYPOCRACY UNQUOTE OF INDIA'S POSITIONS ON MOST SSOD CONSIDERATIONS. GOI DELEGATION'S SUGGESTION, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ANYONE WHO QUESTIONS INDIAN SINCERITY IN CALLING FOR TOTAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT JUST DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S SENSE OF COMMITMENT IN THIS SPHERE. FURTHERMORE, INDIANS CONTEND BY QUESTIONING SINCERITY OF GOI PROPOSAL, OTHERS MERELY REINFORCE INDIA'S DETERMINATION TO CONTROL ITS NUCLEAR DESTINY UNTIL THAT ASTRAL PLANE OF TOTAL DISARMAMENT IS FINALLY REACHED.

5. AKRAM VIEWED SOVIET AND US APPROACHES TO SSOD AS BEING VIVIDLY CONTRASTED. SOVIETS SHOWED MORE FLEXIBILITY (IN A "SLY" WAY) WHILE US QUOTE PLACED ITS CARDS ON THE TABLE, THEN QUOTE DID NOT BUDGE UNQUOTE. AKRAM CHARACTERIZED US APPROACH AS THE MORE HONEST DUE TO OUR OPEN SOCIETY BUT THE SOVIETS' AS MORE PRODUCTIVE AND EASIER FOR THE THIRD WORLD TO UNDERSTAND.

6. US POSITION WAS SEEN AS PARTICULARLY UNFATHOMABLE OR VENAL IN REFUSING TO ADDRESS "MEANINGFULLY" NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT BY SOUTH

AFRICA, ISRAEL, AND INDIA. TO MANY NON-NUCLEAR POWERS (AND ASPIRING NUCS) IT SEEMED PARTICULARLY BAD FORM FOR THE US TO EVADE THESE "OBVIOUS" BLIND SPOTS IN OUR POLICY.

7. AS FOR THE FUTURE OF DISARMAMENT AS A UN FUNCTION, AKRAM FEELS THE TEST WILL BE WHAT PRODUCTIVITY IS SHOWN IN SALT II; COMMITMENTS FOR A SALT III; AND PROGRESS ON UTB. IF ANY OR ALL OF THESE SHOW REAL PROGRESS THIS SUMMER, THE SPIRITS OF UNGA WILL BE REVIVED AND DISARMAMENT COULD DOMINATE THE FALL SESSION. A POSSIBLE SPANNER IN THE WORKS, HOWEVER, WOULD BE A MAJOR BLOOD-LETTING ON DC MEMBERSHIP.

8. AS FOR PAKISTAN, AKRAM SAYS HE PERSONALLY IS OPTIMISTIC THAT HIS DELEGATION CAN RETURN TO NEW YORK IN THE FALL FOR A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIGNIFICANT SESSION IN WHICH THE DISARMAMENT ISSUE IS FURTHER DEBATED. HIS OPTIMISM DOES NOT APPROACH ANYTHING LIKE A CONVICTION, HOWEVER, THAT REAL PROGRESS CAN BE MADE, HOWEVER, UNTIL THE GREAT POWERS MOVE OFF DEAD CENTER AND SHOW THE WAY. HUMMEL

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